

Catholic Church as it performs vital work in maintaining the health and welfare safety net for many of our citizens in need, regardless of religion, race or nationality.

Even as Cardinal Foley has served two Popes at the Vatican for the past 23 years, he always left his heart in Philadelphia. He has made frequent return visits to friends, family, fellow priests and all his admirers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he was born, raised and ordained.

December 13 highlights Cardinal Foley's first visit home since the Consistory in Rome on November 24, 2007, at which he and 22 other priests were elevated to Cardinal. He will be honored in Philadelphia City Council, where he will open the weekly session with a prayer. Then he will celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul along Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Cardinal Foley's career as a Catholic communicator extends back to his youth, as a teenager in Sharon Hill. As a student at St. Joseph's Preparatory School, he wrote and produced plays on the lives of saints that were broadcast on a radio station that specialized in Catholic programming. Also at St. Joseph's Prep he developed an abiding lifetime friendship with Richard A. Doran, an outstanding Philadelphian on whose counsel and friendship I often relied in the dawn of my career. Tragically, Dick Doran died less than a year before this week's celebration, but the ceremonies this week will be graced by his widow Mary Doran.

As a student at St. Joseph's University the future Cardinal Foley was a TV regular on a Channel 3 college debate series, often jousting with Penn's ARLEN SPECTER, now Pennsylvania's senior senator. And in typical Foley storytelling fashion he recalls that the show shared studio space with "Bertie the Bunyip," a legendary local puppet show of the 1950s.

The late Cardinal John Krol spotted this young priest as a devout man of great talent and potential. Cardinal Krol arranged for him to attend Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, installed him as Editor of the Catholic Standard and Times for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1970 to 1984, then recommended him to Pope John Paul II for a new post as President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican.

Then-Archbishop Foley undertook the task of explaining church teachings through the worldwide media. He designed and implemented the Vatican's modern communications policy. He also served as the voice of the Vatican on such occasions as the global telecast of Midnight Mass from St. Peter's—a role he intends to continue.

Now, in addition to solemn duties as advisor to Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Foley has taken on the responsibility at the Vatican for overseeing the Catholic holy places in the Middle East as Pro Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Through it all, this man of God has never lost his humility, his gentle wit and his broad smile as he has risen to this most elite level of the billion-member worldwide church to

which he devotes his life. Cardinal Foley Day is a day of celebration for all of us.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JELINDO ANGELO "J.A." TIBERTI

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jelindo Angelo "J.A." Tiberti, who died on Wednesday May 3, 2006.

J.A. was a pillar of the Las Vegas construction industry, patriarch of Tiberti construction and a civic leader. J.A. came to Las Vegas from California in 1941 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build the runway at what is now Nellis Air Force Base. He formed Waale, Camplan and Tiberti Construction Co. in 1947 and developed Bonanza Village on Bonanza Road before venturing out on his own in 1950. Among his many prominent works in Las Vegas are the Las Vegas Club, Palace Station, Sunset Station, Club Bingo and the Gold Coast. He built schools, hospitals, and public buildings. Not only was he a great craftsman, he was also a benevolent member of society. J.A.'s charitable contributions include a million dollar donation to help create the UNLV College of Engineering in 1979, and he provided the funds to build Camp Potosi for the Boy Scouts Boulder Dam Area Council. He was also appointed to the Las Vegas City Planning Commission in 1953 and served six consecutive four-year terms. J.A. received a number of professional awards as well, such as the Southern Nevada Engineer of the Year award in 1972, and the state's Most Distinguished Nevadan in 1987.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Jelindo Angelo "J.A." Tiberti. His professional success and philanthropic nature should serve as an example to us all. He will surely be missed by the community.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. LEE STRAWHUN—

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many years of dedicated service of Mr. Lee Strawhun. Having known Lee for many years, I can truly say that he is one of the most committed, knowledgeable, and honorable citizens in Northwest Indiana. Nowhere has his knowledge and commitment been more evident than in his faithful service to the mental health profession, and more specifically, to the Southlake Center for Mental Health. Lee has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southlake Center since its founding in April of 1976. For many years, Lee has been a constant fixture at the Southlake Center for Mental Health, and for his efforts, he was honored at a farewell reception on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

Lee Strawhun has spent his entire life, both professionally and personally, working at ways to improve not only mental health services, but society as a whole. From his service to his country as a member of the United States

Army Reserves to his consulting work with various organizations to his service to the youth of his community as faculty member at Indiana University-Northwest and guest lecturer at Purdue University-Calumet, Valparaiso University-School of Law, and DePaul University-School of Law, Lee has always sought opportunities to improve the quality of life for all people.

Looking back, it is not surprising that Lee was chosen as the first staff member at the Southlake Center for Mental Health back in 1976. Following a very successful six years as the Deputy Director of the Northwest Indiana Comprehensive Health Planning Council, Lee was brought on during a time when mental health services were not readily accepted. Since serving Southlake Center's first clients in 1977, Lee Strawhun has led the way and has been the catalyst for the improvement of mental health services in Northwest Indiana and beyond. During Lee's tenure, the Southlake Center for Mental Health has seen astonishing growth. To name a few of these outstanding advances, Southlake Center has expanded to include: drug and alcohol treatment programs, GED and general medical services programs, supervised group living homes, a psychology doctoral internship program, an acute partial hospitalization program, a countywide divorce education program, residential treatment centers for adolescents and children, independent group living facilities, and a forensic diversion program.

Without a doubt, Lee Strawhun has been an innovative and respected leader throughout the years. To attest to this fact, Lee has been the recipient of numerous awards for his leadership and dedication. To name a few of his many accolades, Lee was honored with the "Distinguished Hoosier Award" in 1982 by Governor Robert Orr, the "Adam Benjamin Advocacy Award" in 1989 by the Indiana Mental Health Association's Lake County Chapter, the "Outstanding Achiever Award" in 1990 by the American Cancer Society, and the "Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award" in 2001 by the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Counties. Then, in 2004, Lee was awarded the prestigious "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Though it may be difficult to imagine where he has found the time, Lee has always been an active member of various professional organizations, including: the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers, American Society for Public Administration, Reserve Officers Association, American Correctional Association, and the Mental Health Corporations of America. He has also been a member of various organizations within Northwest Indiana, including: the Mental Health Association, Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, Calumet Region Montessori, Merrillville Rotary Club, Alumni Association of the Indiana University—School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Northwest—Center for Medical Education, Lake County Community Corrections Advisory Board, Workforce Investment Board, Merrillville Chamber of Commerce, Merrillville Sanitary District, and the Merrillville "Vision 21" Committee.

Madam Speaker, Lee Strawhun has devoted his life to improving mental health services and to serving the people of Northwest Indiana. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending him for his lifetime of service, perseverance, and dedication. I also ask that you join me in wishing him the best of health and happiness in the years to come.